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329 South Locust Street
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Site Location: 329 South Locust Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 2.8
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691890.4706340
Lot dimensions : 33.3'x 120': .09 acre
Lot description: Lot 1 of Lot 6, Lot 2 of Lot 5
of Lot 229 of Union Addition;
North 2' of Lot 1 of Levi's
Addition
Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : poor / fair
Overall Dimensions: 28'6"x 16'9"; two-story
Orientation : east
Architectural Plan type : Georgian I
Description : Foundation: coursed limestone perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: square butt asbestos-cement siding installed
over beveled wood siding.
Roof : moderately pitched side-gabled roof, sheathed
with asphalt roll roofing.
Chimneys : gable end chimney at each side; brick below
roofline, with replacement concrete blocks
above roof.
Dormers : none
Windows : 1/1 sash cottage window (north side of first
floor, front), one fixed-sash window (south
side of first floor, front), 2/2 double hung
(north side of second floor, front), 1/1 double
hung (south side of second floor, front and
south side); plain casings, slip sills.
Openings : centrally placed single-leaf front door: 1/1
light, two panels.
Porches : concrete three-step uncovered porch at front
door, with wrought iron and wood railings.
Details : plainly boxed cornices.
Construction Date : c.1870
Architecture style: Side gabled box
Physical History : Assessment records date this house to about 1870, which is

consistent with other similar dwellings on Southern Avenue (now South Locust). Since that time, it has been occupied by a series of laborers, including W. Burns, Charles Post, Frank McLaughlin, Arthur Richardson, Dennis Sullivan, John Thorpe, Alfred Horsfell, Michael Durkin, Ervin Berger, Harold LaBarge, Gerald Miller, Lloyd Petty, James Rowell, Paul Dimmers and David Abresch. The Iowa Department of Transportation acquired the property in 1984 and plans to raze the building for highway construction. Over its extended occupation the house has retained its overall form, but has suffered a variety of alterations, including: removal of the front porch, replacement of first floor front windows, replacement of the chimney tops, resheathing the roof with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls with asbestos-cement siding.

Significance: Similar in scale and configuration to our other nearby structures, this house contributes to the architectural feeling and association of historic workingmen's dwellings built along Southern Avenue in the late 19th century.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970
Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1891, 1972
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 3-24-2-24
Iowa Department of Transportation, "Draft Environmental
Impact Statement - Cultural Resources Assessment"

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